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1. SUMMARY. RECENT MEETINGS OF TRILATERAL OSI WORKING GROUP HAVE FOCUSED ON MAJOR ISSUES OF RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL DURING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS (OSI). THESE HAVE INCLUDED LISTS OF BASIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EQUIPMENT, PROCEDURES FOR CHECKING EQUIPMENT, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCEDURES. DISCUSSION WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL IN CLARIFYING POSITIONS WITH GENERALLY UPBEAT FEELING THAT DIFFERENCES COULD BE NARROWED BY USING PRECEDENTS IN PNE TREATY. IN RESPONSE TO BEZUMOV'S (USSR) REQUEST, HECKROTTE (US) PROVIDED JUSTIFICATIONS FOR US PROPOSAL FOR 30 DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AND 30-DAY INSPECTION PERIOD. END SUMMARY.

2.RECENT MEETINGS OF TRILATERAL OSI WORKING GROUP

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DISCUSSED OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON WAYS OF NARROWING DIFFERENCES IN ILLUSTRATIVE TEXTS, WITH CONSENSUS THAT USE OF PNE TREATY LANGUAGE ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS COULD HAVE EFFECT OF REDUCING DISAGREEMENTS TO A FEW MAJOR ISSUES. ON LIST OF BASIC EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, SOVIET DEL APPEARED TO AGREE WITH IDEA THAT EQUIPMENT COULD INCLUDE

NECESSARY MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT, BUT
CONTINUED TO BALK AT EXPANDING LIST BEYOND RADIATION
MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND METAL DETECTORS. PARTICULAR
CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT PROVISION FOR SEISMOMETERS,
WITH MYASNIKOV (USSR) CONTENDING THAT SOVIET EXPERIENCE
SUGGESTED IT WAS VERY UNLIKELY THAT AN EXPLOSION CREATED
CAVITY WOULD STILL BE GENERATING ANY SEISMIC NOISE AFTER
SEVERAL MONTHS. ANOTHER SUBJECT DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY
WAS HOW DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WOULD DETERMINE THEIR LOCA-
TION, WITH US DEL SUGGESTING THEY BRING A PASSIVE RADIO-
NAVIGATION SYSTEM WITH THEM, AND SOVIET DEL SAYING ANY
SUCH EQUIPMENT REQUIRED COULD BE PROVIDED BY HOST PARTY.
SOVIET DEL CONTINUED TO OBJECT TO PROPOSED LISTING OF
EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED BY HOST AND OF SUPPLEMENTAL RIGHTS
AND FUNCTIONS. THEY ARGUE THAT THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT
GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF AGREEING ON ADDITIONAL ITEMS SHOULD
SUFFICE AND THAT MENTION OF PARTICULAR ITEMS WOULD APPEAR
TO PREJUDGE DECISION ON ITEMS ACTUALLY INTENDED TO BE
OPTIONAL.

3. OTHER AREAS OF CONTINUING DIFFERENCE RELATE TO PRO-
CEDURES FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AND FOR CHECKING EQUIPMENT
OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. ON PROCEDURE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY,
SOVIET DEL INSISTS THAT HOST SHOULD SUPPLY CAMERAS AND
TAKE ALL PHOTOGRAPHS. US DEL HAS PRESSED FOR DESIGNATED
PERSONNEL DEVELOPING THEIR OWN PHOTOGRAPHS AFTER BEING
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TAKEN BY HOST USING DESIGNATED PERSONNEL'S EQUIPMENT. ON
ISSUE OF CHECKING EQUIPMENT, SOVIETS PROPOSE THAT ONE OF
TWO SETS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL'S EQUIPMENT BE PROVIDED
TO HOST IN ADVANCE. US DEL HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO
USE PNE TREATY PROCEDURES FOR CHECKING EQUIPMENT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO BEZUMOV'S REQUEST, HECKROTTE GAVE
JUSTIFICATION FOR US PROPOSAL OF 30 DESIGNATED PERSONNEL
AND A 30-DAY INSPECTION PERIOD. HE DESCRIBED US ASSUMPTION
THAT INSPECTION AREA WOULD MOST LIKELY COVER A FEW TENS
OF SQUARE KILOMETERS IN A RUGGED AREA. INSPECTION WOULD
START USING TWO BASIC SURVEY GROUPS OF THREE PEOPLE EACH
TO CONDUCT A VISUAL AND RADIATION SURVEY OF THE AREA.
IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE FOR SAMPLING, SAMPLE
PREPARATION, SAMPLE ANALYSIS, METAL DETECTION, SEISMIC
SURVEY, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, MAKING A
TOTAL OF 23 DIRECTLY RELATED TO OSI FIELD WORK. THE
REMAINING SEVEN INCLUDED A TEAM CHIEF AND OTHERS TO ENSURE
THE WORK WAS PROPERLY CONDUCTED, INTERPRETERS, AND A
MEDICAL SPECIALIST. THE 30 DAYS ALLOWED 3 OR 4 DAYS TO
GET ORGANIZED ON SITE, THREE WEEKS FOR THE INSPECTION, AND
A FEW DAYS TO CHECK RESULTS AND PACK UP. BEZUMOV RESPONDED

BY SAYING US CONCEPT OF OSI SEEMED GENERALLY CONSISTENT
WITH THAT OF SOVIET DEL. SOVIET DEL WOULD HAVE TO STUDY
CAREFULLY WHAT HAD BEEN SAID. JOHNSON

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